2006 Kentucky Goat and Sheep Tel-O-Auction Dates

March 1st call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983.

Delivery March 8th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Paris Stockyards.

March 15th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery March 22nd from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Irvington Stockyards.

March 29th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery April 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to the Marion County Fairgrounds.

May 3rd call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983.

Delivery May 10th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon to United Producers Paris Stockyards.

*This will also be the Central Kentucky Lamb and Goat Pen Show and Sale.

May 31st call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery June 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to the Marion County Fairgrounds.

July 19th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery July 26th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Irvington Stockyards.

September 13th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery September 16th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon to the Marion County Fairgrounds.

October 4th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery October 11th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Paris Stockyards.

October 18th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery October 25th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Irvington Stockyards.

December 6th call in deadline to Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983. Delivery December 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to United Producers Paris Stockyards.

Notice to Kentucky Goat and Sheep Producers

United Producers, Inc. (UPI) cooperates with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to sponsor the Kentucky Goat and Sheep Tel-O-Auction system. Due to some recent changes in the commission structure for UPI, the commission for 2006 tel-o-auctions will be revised effective immediately. Under the new structure producers will have the opportunity to market their livestock through UPI either as a Preferred Member or as a regular member. In addition, UPI is adding a retaining fee to all livestock that they market. This retaining fee is currently \$.25 per head on sheep and goats. Basically the new Preferred Membership program and retaining fee will affect the tel-o-auctions as follows.

1. For UPI Preferred Members

UPI Preferred Members pay a \$20.00 membership fee per year which is deducted from the producer's first sales check of the year. This membership fee entitles producers to benefits such as discounted commissions, voting privileges, and access to various programs and services provided by UPI. The new commission for marketing sheep and goats through tel-o-auctions at either UPI Paris or Irvington will be \$4.00 per head, however Preferred Members will receive a 10% discount off commissions making their commission \$3.60 per head. After the \$.25 retaining fee is added the total Preferred Member cost for marketing sheep and goats through the tel-o-auctions will be \$3.85 per head.

2. For Regular Members

Non-preferred members will pay \$4.00 per head commission plus the \$.25 per head retaining fee making their total costs \$4.25 per head. Producers wishing to remain non-preferred members need to notify UPI the first time they market animals to keep the \$20.00 Preferred Membership fee from being assessed. A producer only marketing sheep and/or goats would need to market approximately 50 head per year through the Paris and Irvington tel-o-auctions to receive enough commission discounts to cover the Preferred Membership fee. Producers should, however, keep in mind the additional benefits of Preferred Membership before making their decision.

Note: Commissions for tel-o-auctions that deliver to the Marion County Fairgrounds will remain \$2.50 per head.

For additional information contact Tess Caudill at (502) 564-4983 or Tess.Caudill@ky.gov.

Visit <u>www.uproducers.com</u> for complete information on the Preferred Membership program.